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SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**THE MUSEUM IS OPEN
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
CALL ANY DIRECTOR LISTED BELOW**

The Museum opened May 21st and many visitors have dropped in for a visit & tours. May – 93; June – 103; July – 182; Aug. – 114 & 8 until official closing Sept. 3rd and 49 visitors on Sept. 10th. It has been a great summer.

SLADE FAMILY VISIT TO CRANBERRY PORTAGE



On June 6th, 17 family members & relatives (from ages 5 - ????) of the late Gordon Slade, our benefactor, toured the museum & Gordon's son Fred expressed his sincere pleasure with how the museum has progressed over the years and stated Gordon would be very impressed with what has been achieved.

Richard Gibbons, President was unfortunately unable to be in attendance that day however, he prepared the following which was read to the Slade Family and we think it is important that the public also get to read it.

"I am sure that once you have had a chance to tour our facility and converse with members of the board you will agree that the skills & effort put forth by all the volunteer directors who include Treasurer Ms. Mabel Brewer responsible for compiling, recording and submitting the required legal documents regarding our financial affairs; Secretary Ms. Patty Klimchuk who is responsible to maintain a permanent meeting record of our affairs & activities for museum records; Public Relations Officer Ms. Sandra Buchberger who provides information for

Grant application & fund raising opportunities for consideration by the board and submitting update in local media keeping everyone aware of Museum activities; to Mr. Rene Grenier our Building Maintenance officer who attends to all our building needs making display cases and keeps the facility in tip top shape; Vice President Mr. Dale Streamer and myself as President.

The role of Curator & museum Director Ms. Mary-Ann Playford in cataloguing, preserving, describing and arranging to display our archival collection is self-evident in all you see around you today. The conception for the Museum was hers and she asked many years ago if I would be willing to act as president and help develop a permanent facility for a museum in Cranberry. What you see here today and hopefully will continue to see for the foreseeable future was the brainchild and desire of this tireless and truly dedicated lady.

The efforts put forth by all the board has ensured that the generous and vet much appreciated endowment of the museums benefactor Mr. Gordon Slade has been suitably used to fulfill his wish to provide a lasting legacy for the Slade family. The endowment has been invested and is managed by the board with the goal of providing financial support for the museums endeavours and operating costs in perpetuity.

The museum's archival collection and various displays provide an opportunity for both local residents and former residents to be reminded of the contributions made by their respective families to the historical development and continued prosperity of Cranberry Portage and its' surrounding area.

Those who have visited previously I am confident will notice a balanced improvement of the information and displays of the museum since its inception. For first time visitors I hope you are appreciative of the efforts of the museum staff to provide an informative, educational and an entertaining experience regarding the history and development of Cranberry Portage.

One of the features we are most proud of is the engagement of the students from both local schools. Tours are arranged with a narrative by our curator Mary- Ann Playford. We believe it is important that the youth of today be aware and gain an appreciation for the contributions made by their ancestors

Pre Covid and now just having resumed after our 2 year shutdown we hire as a casual position an interpretive guide under the direction and training by our curator to provide a positive experience for their visit. The value of this position and Ms. Lori Streamer's contributions for the museum is evidenced in the many positive comments in our guest book.

Again as a facility that relies in main on public donations and grant funding for the majority of its capital & operating expenses such as electrical & heating, taxes, insurance and water & sewer. I would like to thank the board of directors and all the volunteers for their hard work to ensure the growth & survival of the museum.

Particular thanks today to our Public Relations Officer Ms. Sandra Buchberger for her excellent organizational skills in bringing together today's luncheon. I hope everyone enjoyed it!

In closing I hope your experience with us during this visit has been positive and will be just one of many such annual visits for years to come. "

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 FCI GRAD'S

Due to unforeseen circumstances the FCI Grad was moved up from the end of June to June 18th, 2022 and the Museum was contacted to help with the luncheon as a fundraiser. On the Friday before Grad, seven volunteers (Patty, Sandra, Dianne, Carol, Susan, Kelleen, & Brittany), prepared 387 box lunches including sandwiches, vegies & dip, and dessert. Then on Saturday, another group of volunteers, Tim & Pandora, Al & Brenda, Brittany & Sandra disbursed lunch boxes & beverages under the tent situated outside at the back of the gym. Thank you FCI for giving us this fundraising opportunity which was shared with the Artisan Market and CPHSTA..

FUNDRAISERS & HOME BUSINESS MARKET

Covid Kitchen Relief at FCI

The museum was asked by Donnie Grenier, Principal of FCI, that in event of kitchen staff being off for Covid, to spearhead a group of volunteers to assist in the kitchen. The following volunteers were on standby: Dianne Holmen, Chris & Connie Smith, Ron Mitton, Ernie & Susan Fullerton, June Richardson, Bill & Sandra Buchberger, Marg Winters, Richard Gibbons, Marla Kustiak, Kelly Blouin, Jack & Janice Leptik. Thankfully this did not happen but as a thank you FCI made a donation to the museum, which was much appreciated.

May – Luncheon at the Legion during the Community Yard Sale

June - 50/50, continuing ticket sales, Grad luncheon

July - Mother Nature came to the 1st Home Business Market on Saturday

July 9th sponsored by the CPHM with cloud cover until 1ish and then the sun came out. We had grounds all cleaned up and tents put away by the time the rains came down. Remember in future, don't let the weather keep you away.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support all the vendors, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Sunset Gourmet, Norwex, Diamond Paintings, Scentsy, Pandora's Butterfly Vintage, Tiber River Naturals, CPONW (Zebra Mussel Info), Uptown Emporium, Artic Honey, Bill's Hot Mustard; be entertained by Cranberry Jam (they provided music for a couple of hours), and Tacos in a Bag. The silver collection door prize was won by Susan Fullerton and we finished filling another 50/50 board with Doreen Bieker being the winner of \$100.00. Congratulations to you both. There were 59 signed in visitors to the museum and Lori & Mary-Ann were both busy providing tours. Again THANK YOU EVERYONE for making our 1st Home Business Market a success.

Who would have thought this train station would become the hub of so much activity in Cranberry Portage. (more picture will be posted so keep watching)

Visitors' to the Museum on Artisan Market Days – May 28th - 77; June 25th - 23; July 9th Home Business Market – 59; July 23rd - 53; August 20th – 66; September 10 – 49. All in all we have received very positive feedback from our visitors that the museum is unique, special, informative, & very well presented for viewing.



50/50 Draws over the summer and the lucky winners were:

June 6th 2 draws for \$100.00 each –Karen Prokopetz of Flin Flon and Alfred Wikjord from Pinawa for his grandson Erik from Winnipeg (they were part of the Slade Family party who visited museum June 6th)

July 23, 2022 Caroline Vandertoo from Ottawa and Doris Johnston both took home \$100.00 each. Doug Dubray was the lucky winner of \$100.00 from the board started during the July Artisan Market & carried over to the Trout Challenge weekend.

Aug. 20th - Alistair McMillan \$100.00

Sept. 10th - Dennis Holmen & Nancy Haukaas both won \$100.00

There is still a partially filled 50/50 board and it will be pulled as soon as it is full. We will be at the Cranberry Christmas Craft Sale.

As well the draws were made on Sept. 10th for the pictures

The lucky winners are as follows:

Tammy Ritchie of Fork Lake Alberta #1 draw for Painting of Horseshoe Bend area donated by Eila Duncalfe;

Rhonda Griffin of Cranberry Portage #2 draw for Ducks Unlimited print Wolf Call donated by Chris & Connie Smith;

The three paper tole pictures donated by Bev Schiefele were won by:

Patty Scott of Roblin, Mb. # 1 The Owl

Reynold Sewap of Flin Flon #2 The Loons

and Joselyn Tyson of Denare Beach #3 The Cougar

Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting the CPHM

SPECIAL MATTERS

Stephanie Johnson of the Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Flin Flon met with the board to see if there is an opportunity for us to access their assistance in generating revenues for the museum through grant applications and working with them to develop strategic short and long-term plans for the museums long-term goals.

Discussion points:

- ☐ What are our revenue sources?
- ☐ Expansion of the Family histories
- ☐ Digital and oral histories
- ☐ Webpage
- ☐ Work with the Cranberry tourism group to share resources and expertise
- ☐ Promote 10th anniversary of the opening (3 years time); acknowledge 10 years of ownership
- ☐ Strategic Plan is essential for planning and grant applications
- ☐ Look into “Star Attraction” designation and whether we meet the requirements

- ❑ Heritage Grants Program accepts applications every January and June; most operate on a 50/50 split
- ❑ Community Museum Support Program
- ❑ Manitoba Arts Council

We are continuing to work with CEDF and if anyone can help out with any of the above, please contact us.

For further information about your Museum **visit our website:** <http://cphmuseum.ca> Follow us on Facebook & Instagram. Contact us by email at cphmuseum@gmail.com

To purchase a membership or to make a donation contact Mabel Brewer the Museum treasurer at 204-472-3031

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT SUMMER

Current Directors:

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Mabel Brewer- Treasurer 472-3031

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Submitted by Sandra Buchberger, Public Relations Officer



EVEN ELVIS VISITED THE MUSEUM & SANG FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE AUGUST 20, 2022
THANKS TO VIKING LODGE.